1994/95 CITY OF WICHITA BUDGET AT A GLANCE

- The total adopted 1994 Budget (all funds) is \$228,330,900, compared to the 1993 Budget (revised) of \$223,520,900 an overall 2.2% increase. The 1995 estimated budget is \$239,854,700.
- General Fund expenditures total \$113,292,680 in 1994, compared to \$111,377,390 in the 1993 current budget -- an overall 1.7% increase. The 1995 estimated budget is \$115,413,560.
- The 1994 Budget includes a mill levy adjustment for the tax shift occasioned by the November 1992 reclassification referendum and the (first-year) restoration of the tax levy to support the City's capital improvement program. The City's current (1993) levy of 29.6 mills will increase to 31.5 mills for 1994.
- For every dollar in property taxes paid, approximately 28¢ will be received by the City to pay for municipal services.
- In addition to the 78 Police field personnel added through 1993 (a 28% increase), a "Neighborhood Policing" program is added for 1994/95 with 18-20 new Police Officers targeted for special law enforcement efforts in high call areas, and expansion of crime prevention and mobilization of neighborhoods to combat crime/violence.
- Numerous Federal/State mandates have occasioned budget increases.
- Fire services will be expanded with the addition of 11 Fire personnel and equipment.
- Maintenance expenses are increased for newly constructed freeways (\$72,250) and Old Town streets/parking/lighting (\$37,390).
- A bus fare increase of 5¢ (from 85¢ to 90¢) is included in the 1994 Budget.
- Water rate increases, of 6% in 1994 and 6% in 1995, are planned for water plant and service expansion.
- Sewer rate increases of 5% in 1994 and 5% in 1995 are included to fund capital projects to meet environmental standards and facility expansion needs, as well as increased maintenance costs.
- The local sales tax is budgeted at \$28,561,000, of which \$14,280,500 will be used to reduce property taxes by approximately 10 mills.